

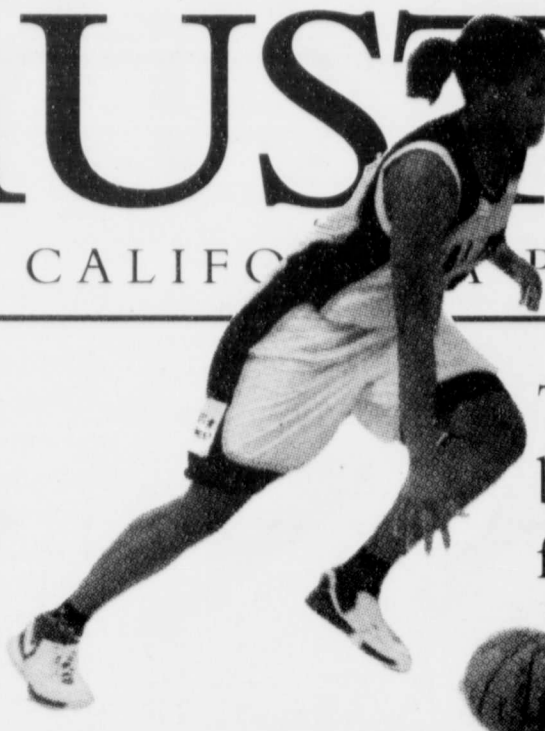
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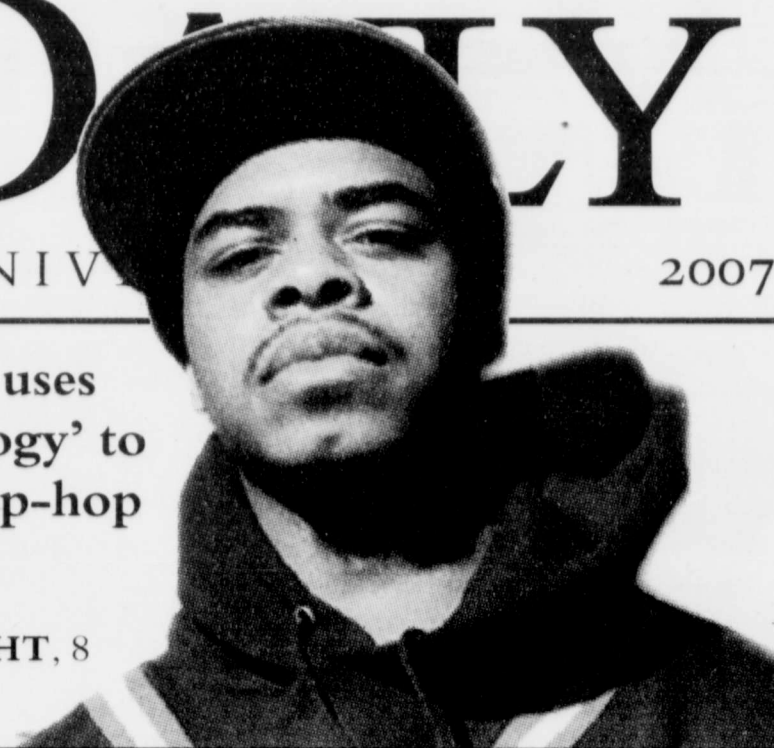


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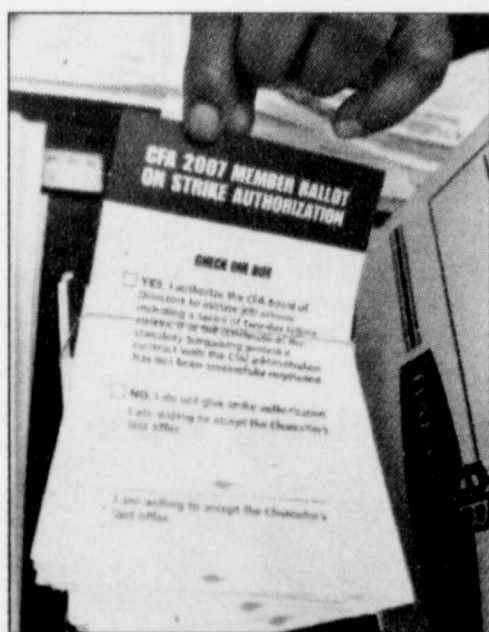
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CSU faculty begin strike authorization vote

Faculty at the California State University system began voting Monday on whether they should strike over stalled negotiations.

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BERKELEY, Calif. — Frustrated by stalled negotiations, faculty of the nation's largest four-year public university system began casting their first strike authorization vote Monday.

The vote, expected to be completed over the next two weeks, comes after nearly two years of negotiations have failed to yield a new contract. Both sides agree faculty should be paid more, but the union wants larger across-the-board raises than CSU administrators have offered. The two sides also disagree on merit pay.

The issue is now before an independent fact-finder. If faculty authorize a strike and there is

no contract resolution, CSU faculty could strike later this spring at CSU's 23 campuses.

CSU spokeswoman Clara Potes-Fellow said administrators have made a fair offer and are "working hard to complete the fact-finding process with the goal of reaching an agreement with the faculty union. In the meantime, we hope that the faculty keep in mind that students come first and we all want to make sure that students do not get hurt."

Union leaders say they plan to minimize the impact on CSU's more than 400,000 students by having brief strikes that roll from campus to campus.

"It will cause the students less pain than it see Strike, page 2

ASI pleased with recent e-vote turnout

Samantha Freitas
MUSTANG DAILY

Students rocked the e-vote in Associated Students Inc.'s campus-wide test of a new electronic voting system last week.

ASI hoped to get at least 300 students to the polls to test the system and ask them if they like the new form of voting, which political party they're affiliated with and their favorite 2008 presidential candidates.

"Altogether we had 728 students vote (whether to use electronic voting), which was more than double our original goal. We were really excited about that," said Mia White, ASI Election chair and nutrition senior.

Of the students who voted, 81 percent declared which political party they are affiliated with. The results showed the Democrats were most popular, with 45 percent of the votes. Closely following them were the Republicans with 37 percent of the votes; trailed by the Green Party with 10 percent and the Libertarian Party with 7 percent.

According to the results, the two most favored 2008 presidential candidates are both Democrats — Barack Obama followed by Hillary Clinton. John McCain came in third, only one vote behind Clinton, and was followed by Rudolph Giuliani and John

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Vigil, speaker shed light on foreign conflict



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Students from various campus clubs, such as the Muslim Student Association and the Progressive Student Alliance, held a silent candlelight vigil on Monday night in front of Spanos Theatre as people entered the building to see guest speaker Daniel Pipes. The vigil was a response to Pipes, who spoke on "Israel, America, and Middle East Threats," and to give insight into the number of innocent lives claimed in Middle Eastern wars. Pipes' speech was cosponsored by ASI, Hillel of San Luis Obispo, the AEPI fraternity and the American Jewish Congress.



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Poly student spins to success on 'Wheel of Fortune' episode

Janelle Eastridge
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Jack Knoebber is a game show junkie. For the past six months, the art and design junior has consistently watched "Wheel of Fortune" on TiVo every night, stepping up his viewing habits from before. And when he recently received a new phone, he made sure to download the "Wheel" game as soon as possible. He's a self-

described obsessed fan.

"I've always liked that kind of stuff," said the art and design sophomore. "I've also always like crossword puzzles, and they're kind of the same thing. 'I've always been good at those kinds of things.'"

But having this object of obsession has finally paid off for Knoebber. Three weeks ago, he

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drove down to Los Angeles to record an

episode, which will appear on television June 6, for the game show.

The process has been long and intense, but ultimately enjoyable for Knoebber.

After signing up two years ago on the "Wheel of Fortune" Web site and not receiving a

response, Knoebber made a second attempt four months ago, "not really expecting (to get an e-mail) at all."

But two months later, that's just what he got.

So, on Feb. 2, Knoebber skipped class and drove solo to Culver City to make the 2 p.m. group audition. Once there, prospective contestants were separated into groups of 50.

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Jack Knoebber appeared on "Wheel of Fortune" in early February and won about \$4,000.

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Wheel

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Those groups then played a massive "Wheel of Fortune" replica game, where each of the would-be contestants were called on twice to solve — or try to solve — word puzzles.

It wasn't just about picking the right answers, though. "The whole time they're testing to see if you can be enthusiastic and loud, to see if you can look good on TV," Knoebber said. "Everyone is trying to clap for themselves and be really happy."

Next, they were required to take a written crossword-like puzzle with the goal being to fill in as many of the 30 words as possible in five minutes.

"(Afterwards, everyone) was freaking out, talking about the test, comparing answers and smoking cigarettes... Everyone was really nervous," he said.

Based on these two indicators, the pool was then narrowed from 50 to 20; Knoebber's name was called toward the end of the "very intense" process.

In total, the audition lasted about three hours, Knoebber said. He and others left the audition with the promise that, if chosen, they would receive a letter in the mail within two weeks.

"I was kind of down, but I still had hope," Knoebber said. "It seemed really surreal to even go to the audition. I kept thinking that I wasn't going to be picked."

But a call, not the anticipated letter, came sooner than expected. While in one of his art studios the following Monday, Knoebber got a call from "Wheel of Fortune" asking if he wanted to be on the Feb. 19 episode. "I was so excited. I was shaking and going crazy," he said.

On Feb. 18, the night before the Friday taping, Knoebber made the drive to Los Angeles once again. His girlfriend, who lives in Idaho, flew out for the taping and his roommates from Cal Poly drove down to support him.

At 7 a.m. Friday morning, a sleep-deprived Knoebber and other contestants showed up at the

"Wheel of Fortune" studio to begin the long process of reviewing rules and legal information, putting on makeup ("they made us look all pretty"), and practicing with the heavier-in-person metal wheel.

When the audience finally arrived at 11 a.m., the contestants drew numbers to see which episode they would appear on. Knoebber drew the last episode, which meant that he was required to stay at the studio until 6 that night.

During the recording of the other episodes, Knoebber sat in the audience "clapping (his) heart out" under the strict guidance of audience control personnel.

But it was all worth it once he got onstage.

One of the highlights was standing next to Pat Sajak behind the wheel.

"It was really cool meeting him!" Knoebber said. "I always thought that he had a fake personality... But in real life he's really nice and really personable."

In a somewhat embarrassing, albeit ironic, moment, Knoebber froze up after buzzing in, only to finally recall the answer: speed reader.

Overall, Knoebber came in third place. But considering he walked away with an amazing experience and a little over \$4,000, third place is not too bad. (On the show, Knoebber won \$7,500, but the government taxes the show at about 40 percent, leaving contestants with a little more than half of their earnings.)

"I was excited that I got last place, but left with more than the (automatic) \$1,000, like some of the other people who came in third place," Knoebber said.

Knoebber pointed out that there are thousands of people who sign up for game shows every year; only a couple hundred of those people are selected to appear for tapings. But that's not reason to give up hope — and Knoebber stands as an example.

"It seems crazy to be on a game show — it's still surreal, like it never happens. But (people on game shows) are just normal people. I met some people who have been on three game shows before — it's just luck," he said.

"If anyone wants to be on one, sign up. You could get picked; it's chosen randomly."

Vote

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Edwards.

Eight other potential presidential candidates appeared on the ballot, including sixth place Barbara Boxer, who was trailed by Noam Chomsky, Mitt Romney, Amy Goodman and Duncan Hunter. The ballots did not include a write-in option as they had originally intended.

"There was no write-in option and we're not quite sure yet why that is. We're going to talk with ITS (Information Technology Services) and our vendor about it because for our ASI Election we are going to need that option," White said.

The lack of a write-in option was one of only a few problems that ASI encountered in its testing.

"A couple of people got error messages that said they had already voted, which was because the person before them didn't log out. It wasn't necessarily a problem with the system, but something that we need to look at if we want to use electronic voting," White said.

The only other problem with the system came in the form of com-

ments from students who said they didn't like the look and layout of the pages — problems ASI hopes to fix.

"We want to make sure that any problems people saw and anything cosmetic will be changed for the real election," White said.

Despite the problems for a few students, most students made it through the electronic voting test successfully and 91 percent of students who voted said they would like to see electronic polling in the next ASI election.

"Everything went great," said biochemistry senior Peter Anaradian. "I liked the system. I thought it was much more efficient. It was quick and will probably save money on having to hire people and using paper."

White said they haven't made a definite decision on whether or not they are going to use the electronic voting system, but that they hope to decide by the end of the quarter.

"We're going to meet with (ASI President) Todd Maki to continue discussions. I don't think we'll be able to make a decision just yet because we don't want to rush into anything," she said.

San Luis Obispo County wine industry worth \$1.6 billion

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — The San Luis Obispo County wine and wine grape industry have a \$1.56 billion impact on the state and local economy, according to a new study.

Based on 2006 figures, a study of the economic impact of wine grapes and wines included such factors as wages, utilities, shipping and packaging costs and even lodging revenues from wine country tourists, said Christopher Taranto, spokesman for the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance.

The Economic Vitality Corp. of

San Luis Obispo County and the alliance commissioned the study focusing on the Paso Robles area, where most of the county's wineries are located.

The wine industry employs more than 6,364 people full time in San Luis Obispo County and it contributes more than \$61.55 million in state and local taxes, the study showed.

Wineries attract 1.1 million visitors to San Luis Obispo County, particularly the Paso Robles area, and they spend about \$96.5 million annually,

the report said.

"Recent studies indicate the wine tourist seeks an experience and visits the area with the intent to buy wine, dine out, shop downtown and stay in our region," Economic Vitality Corp. president Michael Manchak said.

Taranto said the alliance plans to use the study's results to strengthen brand recognition.

"When you boil it down, brand awareness is what we're shooting for. We're competing for shelf space or space on a wine list," he said.

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Strike

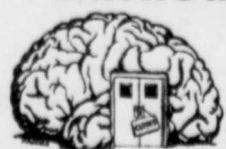
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will cause the university," said John Travis, president of the California Faculty Association, representing 23,000 instructors.

Travis said the first day of the strike authorization vote went well.

"We're clearly getting a lot of folks out to the polls," he said. "They're anxious to make a statement and we think it's going to be a statement to support job actions."

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Violence roars back to Baghdad as Shiite militia feels new pressures

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber turned a venerable book market into a deadly inferno and gunmen targeted Shiite pilgrims Monday as suspected Sunni insurgents brought major bloodshed back into the lap of their main Shiite rivals. At least 28 people died in the blast and seven pilgrims were killed.

The violence — after a relative three-day lull in Baghdad — was seen as another salvo in the Sunni extremist campaign to provoke a sectarian civil war that could tear apart the Shiite-led government and erase Washington's plans for Iraq.

The Shiite Mahdi Army militia has so far resisted full-scale retaliation through a combination of self-interest and intense government pressure. But the militia's leader, the radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, is now being cornered in new ways that have put him on the defensive.

An expected Cabinet reshuffle could take a serious bite out of al-Sadr's voice in government — a move strongly encouraged by Washington.

Al-Sadr also opened the door for U.S. and Iraqi troops to enter the Mahdi stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad — under a painstaking deal with authorities — but his loyalists are still being hunted outside the capital.

"Al-Sadr and his forces could be feeling under siege," said Alireza Nourizadeh, chief researcher at the London-based Center for Arab-Iranian Studies. "That makes them less predictable. That means they are more dangerous."

One possible sign of brewing troubles was 30 bullet-ridden bodies found across Baghdad. Many of those killings are blamed on Shiite death squads, and Monday's figure was the highest in weeks.

And the Sunni extremists keep pressing.

The suicide mission tore through booksellers and other stores on narrow Mutanabi Street, a mostly Shiite-run commercial area in Baghdad's historical heart along the Tigris River.

Within seconds, flames engulfed



A suicide car bomber struck near the well-known Mutanabi book market in central Baghdad Monday, March 5, 2007, killing at least 26 people and injuring more than 50, in a first major blast in the city in several days, police said.

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open-air stalls and shops brimming with books and magazines. Gas-powered generators — needed because of frequent power cuts — exploded one by one.

Bloodstained pages that escaped the fire were carried away in a wind-whipped pillar of black smoke.

Firefighters had to spray huge arches of water from blocks away because their trucks were too large for the warren of lanes in old Baghdad. At least 28 people died and 66 people were injured, police said.

But the final casualty count may not be clear until Tuesday. Fire crews still battled the blazes nearly 12 hours after the attack, said civil defense Maj. Gen. Abdul Rasoul al-Zaidi.

"Papers from the book market were floating through the air like leaflets dropped from a plane," said Naeem al-Daraji, a Health Ministry worker who was driving about 200

yards from the blast and was slightly injured by broken glass from his car window.

"Pieces of flesh and the remains of books were scattered everywhere," he said.

A worker at a nearby shoe store, Youssef Haider, 24, said the blast flipped burning cars with charred bodies trapped inside. He and co-workers used two-wheel pushcarts for shoe boxes to carry away the wounded.

In other violence, gunmen opened fire on Shiite pilgrims in several places around Baghdad, killing at least seven people, police said.

The Shiites were apparently heading to shrines and holy sites in southern Iraq for the annual commemoration to end a 40-day mourning period for the death of a revered seventh century Shiite martyr, Imam Hussein.

It was the bloodiest day in the capital in more than a week, and

came on the heels of a major push by nearly 1,200 U.S. and Iraqi troops into teeming Sadr City as part of a nearly 3-week-old security offensive across Baghdad.

The sweeps seek to drive out militants and establish permanent stations in troubled areas. Search teams also uncovered a nearly tenfold increase in hidden weapons stashes in the past week, the military said.

More than 21,000 small arms rounds were confiscated last week, up from 2,160 the previous week; 937 mortar rounds were discovered, up from 89 the week before, it said. Attacks on soldiers in some Shiite districts are also down sharply.

That's mostly because al-Sadr ordered his fighters to pull back after coming under strong government arm-twisting to allow the security plan to proceed.

In Sadr City, Iraqi troops set up checkpoints and took a far more

visible role than Americans, who led the push into the area Sunday. The move was an apparent attempt to avoid Shiite anger in a place of past street battles with U.S. forces.

The troops plan to establish outposts in Sadr City that will bring together Iraqi police, military and U.S.-led forces, said U.S. Brig. Gen. Terry Wolff, who oversees training of Iraqi soldiers.

"It's about presence," he said. But pressure on al-Sadr and his Mahdi Army continued on other fronts.

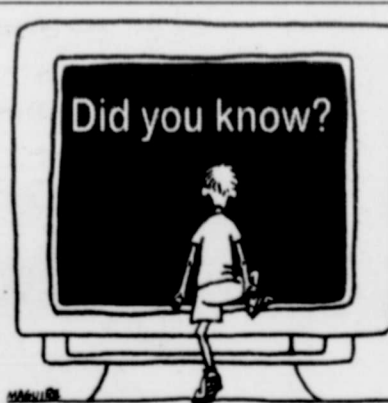
In the southern city of Karbala, the home of a Mahdi Army leader was raided in a joint U.S.-Iraqi operation, the U.S. military said.

Al-Sadr's followers also warned they would fight any Cabinet changes that would single them out.

"We will not give up our share and any of our ministerial posts under any circumstances unless all other blocs are subjected to the same procedure," said Saleh al-Ukaili, head of Sadr's faction in parliament, where the bloc controls 30 of the 275 seats.

An adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said 10 of the 39 ministry posts soon would be replaced — including five of the six ministers loyal to al-Sadr. The adviser spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.

Relations between al-Sadr and the government are already tense. Late last year, the prime minister withdrew his official protection for al-Sadr and the Mahdi Army and allowed U.S.-led forces to close in.

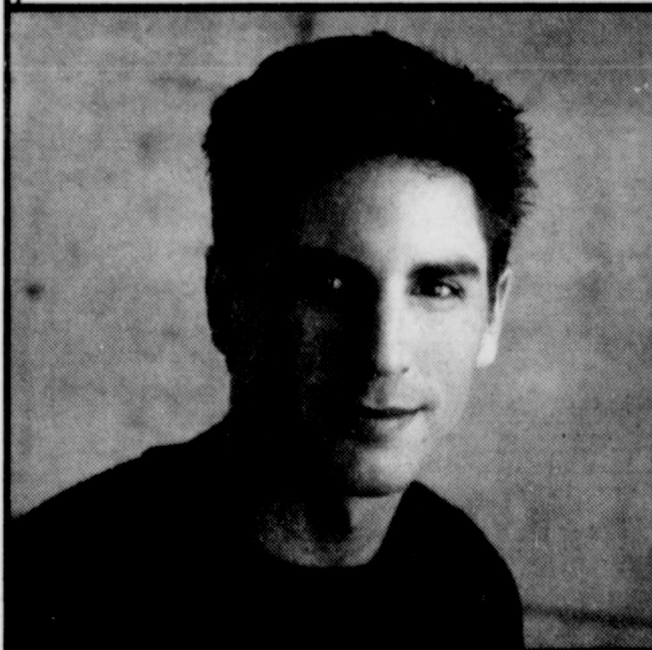


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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Municipal agencies may provide tax-exempt bonds to a religious school — as long as its curriculum includes secular classes, California's high court ruled Monday.

The 4-3 decision reverses an earlier ruling and hands a victory to three Christian schools in Southern California.

In 2002, Oaks Christian School, California Baptist University and Azusa Pacific University wanted to construct cafeterias, a mail center and athletic facilities using bonds from "joint power authorities."

California has more than 350 joint power authorities — public consortiums that provide tax breaks to institutional investors who fund public interest projects with low-interest loans.

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SIGNAL HILL (AP)

— A disgruntled employee shot and seriously wounded three co-workers at a menu printing plant Monday, then killed himself before a SWAT team entered the building, authorities said.

The man, about 67, entered Kenyon Press shortly after 9 a.m., walked past a superior and opened fire on three co-workers with a semiautomatic handgun, said police Capt. Mary Risinger.

National

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Vice President Dick Cheney has a blood clot in his left leg, tests revealed Monday. He will be treated with blood thinning medication for several months, a spokeswoman said. Cheney visited his doctor's office in Washington after feeling minor discomfort in his calf, said spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride. An ultrasound showed the blood clot — called a "deep venous thrombosis" — in his left lower leg, she said.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

— A White House privacy board has determined that two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs — electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking — do not violate citizens' civil liberties. After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress next week.

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NEW YORK (AP)

— Wall Street seesawed through an erratic session Monday, trying to stabilize but ultimately finishing near its lows of the day amid worries about mortgage defaults, a strengthening yen and tumbling stock markets abroad.

International

MOSCOW (AP)

— A military correspondent for Russia's top business daily died after falling from a fifth-story window, and some media speculated Monday that he might have been killed for his critical reporting.

Ivan Safronov, the military affairs writer for Kommersant, died Friday in the fall from a window in the stairwell of his apartment building in Moscow, according to officials. His body was found by neighbors shortly afterward.

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JABAR, Afghanistan (AP)

— A coalition airstrike destroyed a mud-brick home after a rocket attack on a U.S. base, killing nine people from four generations of an Afghan family including a 6-month-old, officials and relatives said Monday — one of the latest in a string of civilian deaths that threaten to undermine the government.

It was the third report in two days of U.S. forces killing civilians. The airstrike took place late Sunday in Kapisa province north of the capital, some 12 hours after U.S. Marines opened fire on civilian cars and pedestrians following a suicide bombing in eastern Nangahar province.

Obesity surgery triples among U.S. teens

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CHICAGO — The number of U.S. children having obesity surgery has tripled in recent years, surging at a pace that could mean more than 1,000 such operations this year, new research suggests.

While the procedure is still far more common in adults, it appears to be slightly less risky in teens, according to an analysis of data on 12- to 19-year-olds who had obesity surgery from 1996 through 2003.

During that time, an estimated 2,744 youngsters nationwide had the operations. The pace tripled between 2000 and 2003, reaching 771 surgeries that year, the study found.

Youngsters had slightly shorter hospital stays than adults and none died in the hospital during the study period. By contrast, there were 212 in-hospital deaths out of an estimated 104,702 adults who underwent obesity surgery in 2003, or a rate of 0.2 percent, the study found.

Researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center analyzed a database of U.S. hospital patients. Obesity surgeries in children during the eight-year period and adults in 2003 were included in the analysis.

The study appears in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

About 5 percent of children and adults had major complications, mostly respiratory problems. Children spent an average of about 3.2 days in the hospital in 2003, versus 3.5 days for adults. Total hospital charges also were lower for pediatric patients, \$30,804 per patient versus \$36,056 for adults.

The youngest patients were age 12, but most were older teens. Eric Decker was one of them. In 2003, at age 17, he had gastric bypass surgery, the most common obesity operation in teens and adults.

"I was 5-foot-8 and 385 pounds," Decker said.

He had struggled with his weight since he was 11, and said he had tried just about every diet, but nothing worked.

Obesity surgery was a last resort for Decker, and doctors say it should be for overweight teens.

Decker had no major surgery complications. A year and a half later, he was down to 185 and says he has stayed there through diet and exercise.

"It's definitely a painful surgery," said Decker, a student at the University of South Carolina. It also requires drastic changes in eating habits, he said. "I don't regret it because it's something that I felt needed to be done for my health."

Study co-author Dr. Thomas Inge attributed the surge in teen operations to publicity about celebrities having obesity surgery, including pop singer Carnie Wilson and broadcaster Al Roker.

The numbers contrast with an estimate in January from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which reported that 349 youngsters aged 12 to 17 had obesity surgery in 2004.

The new study included children up to age 19, which accounts for the higher number, said lead author Dr. Randall Burd of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Burd said the numbers of youngsters undergoing obesity surgery likely has continued to rise along with adults having the surgery.

The American Society for Bariatric Surgery estimates that last year, there were 177,600 obesity surgeries, up from 20,500 a decade ago and 103,200 in 2003. (That 2003 estimate is lower than the new study's figure because the bariatric society bases its estimate only on reports from its members, not all doctors.) The organization doesn't have a breakdown on the number of pediatric operations. If it has kept pace with adults, the number of obesity surgeries in teens likely would climb well past 1,000 this year.

Inge, of Cincinnati Children's, said the new study suggests the risks outweigh the benefits for most patients. But it also left many unanswered questions, including how teens fared after leaving the hospital.

Obesity surgery during the teen years poses different psychological risks than for adults, Inge said. Many teens already are struggling with identity issues, and rapid weight loss after surgery can catapult them "into situations that they didn't really imagine before," he said.

His center is taking part in a five-year study to examine the medical and psychological results of obesity surgery among teens.

"It's critically important that the short-term and long-term outcome of these kids is studied" because of the potential health implications, Burd said.

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Oil prices fall more than \$1 a barrel on continued stock market worries, OPEC production

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NEW YORK — Oil prices lost more than \$1 a barrel Monday on continued concerns over stock market declines and an indication by an OPEC official that the cartel won't cut production at its next meeting.

Light, sweet crude for April delivery tumbled \$1.57 to settle at \$60.07 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, the contract dropped as low as \$59.55 a barrel, dipping below \$60 for the first time since Feb. 28.

Brent crude for April also fell \$1.54 to settle at \$60.54 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

"There's a general sort of recoil from risk in the market," said Tobin Gorey, a commodity strategist with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney. "There are still ongoing ramifications from China's drop last Tuesday. It was a jolt to the global economy."

Last Tuesday, the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index plunged 9 percent, triggering huge losses on Wall Street and other markets. The oil market still closed at a two-month high on Thursday on the news of tightening gasoline supplies, but afterward followed the stock market's downward pull.

On Monday, the Shanghai Composite Index

fell 1.6 percent, while the Dow Jones industrials dropped 63.69 points to close at 12,050.41.

Comments from an oil official that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is unlikely to call for another round of production cuts at its March meeting also undermined prices. Qatar's Oil Minister Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah said the cartel won't decrease production if crude oil stays near its current basket price of \$58.34 a barrel, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

Oppenheimer & Co. Analyst Fadel Gheit said that OPEC aims to keep oil within \$55 and \$65 a barrel. "Now at \$60 a barrel is the sweet spot," Gheit said. "It will not kill demand growth for oil. It will slow it, but we won't see people running to conserve energy. People will get used to it."

Escalating tensions between Iran and the United States have buoyed prices lately, but reports on Monday that Iran may participate Saturday in an international conference on Iraq with the United States in attendance also may have "alleviated some of the political premium in the price," of oil, Gheit said.

If both countries attend, it would be the first public U.S.-Iranian meeting in nearly three years.

Washington is pushing for tougher U.N.

sanctions on Tehran over its failure to comply with demands to halt its uranium enrichment program. Although the United States has said it has no plans for a military strike, the option has not been ruled out.

Underlying fundamentals for crude oil remain supportive, analysts said.

Last week's U.S. inventories report showed stockpiles of gasoline and distillates, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, dropped by a larger amount than analysts had forecast. Meanwhile, demand for products over the last four-week period rose by 7.5 percent from the same period last year.

Tim Evans, an energy analyst with Citigroup Futures Research, also pointed out that traders appear to be ignoring the return of colder temperatures in the Northeast and a spate of production disruptions, both supportive of prices.

"The crude oil market is more concerned about things that are more potentially bearish than actually bearish," Evans said.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil futures fell more than 4 cents to settle at \$1.7248 a gallon, while natural gas gained more than a penny to \$7.254 per 1,000 cubic feet. Gasoline futures settled at \$1.8447 a gallon, down nearly 6 cents.

Radcliffe on for last 2 'Harry Potter' films

LOS ANGELES — Daniel Radcliffe has signed on to star in the final two "Harry Potter" films, Warner Bros. said Monday.

Radcliffe, who plays the bespectacled schoolboy wizard in the Hollywood adaptations of J.K. Rowling's novels, will reprise the role in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Warner Bros. will release the fifth installment — "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" — on July 13, a week before the book "The Deathly Hallows" is released. The show dates for the last two movies haven't been announced.

Radcliffe, 17, is in the London stage production of "Equus," in which he plays a troubled stableboy who mutilates horses. The racy role is quite the departure for the teen known best as Harry Potter. In the play, Radcliffe swears, smokes and appears nude.

White House board says surveillance programs OK

Hope Yen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A White House privacy board has determined that two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs — electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking — do not violate citizens' civil liberties.

After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress next week.

The report finds that both the National Security Agency's warrantless eavesdropping program and the Treasury Department's monitoring of international banking transactions have sufficient privacy protections, three board members told The Associated Press in telephone interviews.

Both programs have multiple layers of review before sensitive information is accessed, they said.

"We looked at the program, we visited NSA and met with the top people all the way down to those doing the hands-on work," said Carol Dinkins, a Houston lawyer and former Reagan administration assistant attorney general who chairs the board.

"The program is structured and implemented in a way that is properly protective and attentive to civil liberties," she said.

Some board members were troubled by the Department of Homeland Security's error-ridden no-fly lists, which critics say use subjective or inconclusive data to flag suspect travelers.

One area the board will focus on in its report is the computerized anti-terrorism screening system recently announced by DHS and used for years without travelers' knowledge to assign risk assessments to millions of Americans who fly abroad.

"That's a place where there's a lot of opportunity for improve-

ment," Dinkins said.

Lanny Davis, a former Clinton White House counsel and the lone Democrat on the panel, described the board's first report to Congress as modest. He explained that most of the work in the past year was spent being briefed on the administration's surveillance programs.

After several classified briefings, the board was reassured by the eavesdropping program's "multiple layers of checks and balances and accountability," he said. "The people running the program themselves are very well-trained and identified bright lines."

The board's initial findings come as Congress is moving forward on measures to give the board more authority and make it more independent of the president.

Both conservative and liberal civil liberties groups have called on the members to aggressively review the eavesdropping program and have questioned whether board members would stand up to the president if he were flouting the law.

In recent weeks, the administration has agreed to let a secret but independent panel of judges oversee the program. But many lawmakers and civil libertarians have remained skeptical about its legality, and the Justice Department's inspector general is investigating whether the agency used any of the information improperly.

Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, called it absurd that the board effectively gave the eavesdropping program its stamp of approval even before the administration was forced to back-track and submit it to court oversight.

"I have no confidence in the current board in its ability to provide meaningful evaluation of important programs such as the

no-fly lists, based on its work on the domestic surveillance program," he said. "It is critical that Congress make the civil liberties board independent of the executive branch."

The board does not have subpoena power, and the White House can check its annual reports to Congress. The members serve at the pleasure of Bush, and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has final say over whether officials must comply with the board's recommendations.

Separate House and Senate measures would require that the entire board — not just the chairman and vice chairman — be confirmed by the Senate.

The House version would also remove the board from the executive office of the president but keep it within the executive branch and give it subpoena power. The Senate version would keep the board within the executive office and allow it to ask the attorney general to issue subpoenas, with notice to Congress required if a subpoena request was refused or modified.

The privacy board members declined to comment on the proposed legislation. But they have

made it clear that they believe the board works effectively in its current structure and that it could alienate the president if members took on a more openly adversarial role.

Bush appointed Dinkins, a Republican, to chair the board. A longtime friend of the Bush family, she was treasurer of Bush's first campaign for governor of Texas, and she is a longtime partner in the law firm of Vinson & Elkins, where Gonzales was once a partner.

The panel's other GOP members are vice chairman Alan Raul, a Washington attorney, and former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson. Former Ambassador Francis Taylor is an independent.

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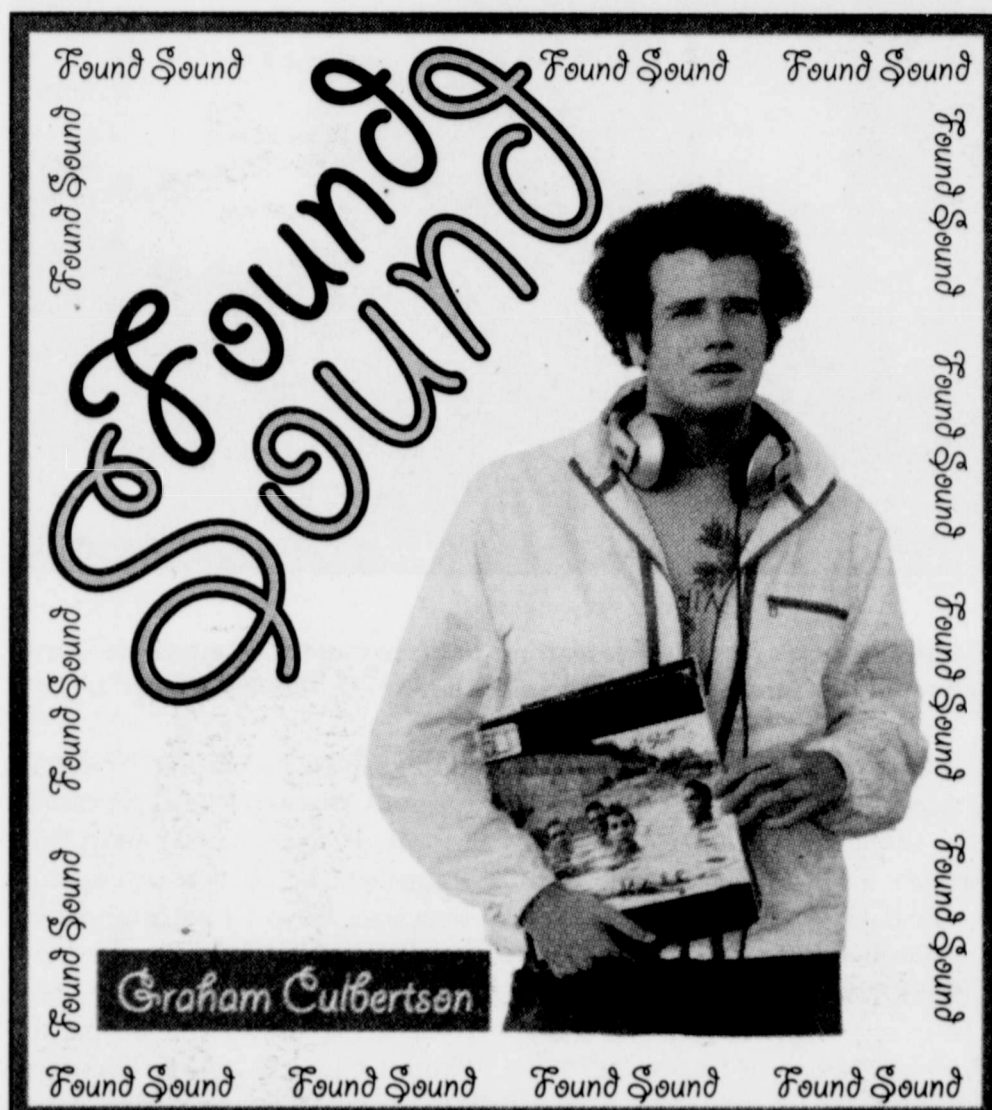
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Enemas, iPods and emotions run amuck at weekend indie rock show



Brendan Fowler of the band BARR gave himself a nasal enema at my house before he played the show at the Steynberg Gallery Sunday night. The process is much the same as a regular enema: you mix a powder with distilled water and place it into a tube with a long spout. However, with a nasal enema, the water apparently shoots up through one hole (nostril A) and comes out another one (nostril B).

He's doing this because he's sick, and while it's slightly embarrassing for him to ask me to do it in my bathroom upon meeting me, it turns into a night-long joke.

And such is the music and performance of BARR. At times it's humiliating and embarrassing and nakedly emotional, but it's all juxtaposed alongside some sort of sick and weird humor that makes the whole experience oddly comfortable and friendly.

BARR and Marnie Stern both arrived at my house coming hot off of new releases ("Summary" and "In Advance of a Broken Arm," respectively). Stern has achieved mainstream publication hype and BARR's getting unfolding respect from the kids who hang out and smoke cigarettes in front of thousands of clubs across the United States.

However, neither seem to really let any of this off. At one point, Stern told me that she spends most of her time reading biographies, and one on Abraham Lincoln really

inspired her.

And for some reason, that makes me feel OK telling her that the freneticism of her album made me shave my beard off the other day while I was listening to it in the shower. That's a really awkward comment and I know it, but for some reason it all comes off as understandable as BARR and nasal enemas.

She then proceeded to shred guitar to her iPod, an activity I imagine she does all the time in her bedroom. However, she's not really alone in this case, and there's more than sixty people watching her from their seats.

The whole thing comes off a little awkward and weird. For some reason, I'm standing in the corner laughing at how awesome the music and the whole scenario are. She closes with "Patterns of a Diamond Ceiling" and somehow the loudness doubles. The iPod is playing her vocals and she's singing along with it while tapping her fingers wildly over her guitar. The fact that I can't concentrate on anything but wild noise makes the experience disorienting. When she finishes, no one stands up or moves and they all sit and stare as she hauls her equipment off stage. A little bit too shell-shocked, maybe.

BARR followed that up with Brendan Fowler leading his solo music project into full band form (three other dudes). The show finds him crawling over people and yelling something about an STD

screening that he thought was supposed to be an AIDS screening. Meanwhile, a bassist pounces across equipment in an endearing rock display.

He closes his set with "Context Ender" before an impromptu encore demanded by an enraptured audience. Before he drives away, I tell him that song is my favorite and I probably listened to it for a full hour over and over the moment I got his album. And I know in some way that statement is awkward, weird, nerdy and slightly ridiculous. But then again ... so is BARR. It's the first time I have ever said something like that and had someone take it in the right way because he then tells me that song is one of the few things he's ever made that he's proud of.

It's a really serious moment until Marnie Stern yells about hurrying up. It's ridiculously appropriate that the call of Tio Alberto's ends the conversation forcing it into a hug and "come back again soon."

Show tip: Mountain Goats on Saturday at the Steynberg Gallery. It may be sold out by the time you read this. So if you can't get tickets, maybe see Port O'Brien play at Steynberg Gallery on Thursday at 7 p.m.

SLO Art Center gets 'Wild About Color'



GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

The San Luis Obispo Art Center celebrated all things colorful at its latest exhibit "Wild About Color." Featured artwork incorporated multiple colors, textures and mediums. The center is currently displaying two exhibits, "A Different Way to See Abstract Arts" and "Soft Strategies: The Skin Series," March 2 to April 2. "Brushstrokes" will be featured March 10 through April 15.

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Hi-Tek's newest CD raises the bar for other hip-hop DJs

The Cincinnati-based DJ adds to his status as an underground hip-hop icon with "Hi-Teknology 2."

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

The inside of the CD case of Hi-Tek's new album, "Hi-Teknology 2: The Chip" says it all about Tony Cottrell's accomplished but underappreciated career.

A soundboard is proudly displayed with a label in between buttons and switches that reads, "Nas, Me, Common."

Those are the kinds of big names in the hip-hop industry that Hi-Tek has worked with since beginning his professional career as a DJ in the late 1990s. In many cases, such as with BlackStar's self-titled album in 1998 and his collaborative effort with Talib Kweli on 2000's "Train of Thought," Hi-Tek has been the man behind the scenes, key in piecing together instrumentals for some of the underground hip-hop culture's defining albums.

The Cincinnati-based Hi-Tek uses "Hi-Teknology 2," a superlative anthology of the finest hip-hop voices from all over the map, to give fans something new while at the same time paying homage to his roots.

Several songs stand out, but it is clear which is best among the 15 tracks — the last one, "Music for Life." The song spans nearly seven minutes and features an unbelievable collage of performers, including Nas,

Common, Busta Rhymes, J. Dilla and Floetry's Marsha Ambrosius.

The song uses a phone message recording of "next message," to segway from one emcee to the next.

Nas' verse, as always, is exceptional: "It started with rhymes I heard listenin' to the wall, The bouncin' of basketballs on playgrounds and all... Father did his blues smooth, legendary jazz man, saw his wife secondary to his true passion..."

Hi-Tek himself holds his own with the others on the track, saying: "My whole life, man, is really music, through my bass line I'm livin' through it... Through this music I'm able to feed the family, when I'm stressed out, it's my sanity."

Common reminisces of his childhood: "So vital to a youngster, comin' up amongst street hustlers... Givin' the ghetto a taste of what freedom is like, I reached a point in my life where I was needin' the mic..."

At the end of the beautifully woven lyrics, the listener is thrown for a loop when the narrator says, "first skipped message." What follows is J. Dilla (in a mocking tone) taking on a Top 40 mindset, bragging about his reputation and how others can't "playa hate."

The segment at the end shows the contrast between what Hi-Tek is all

No single track on the CD feels more like a Hi-Tek song than "Can we go Back," which features verses from Kweli and a mesmerizing chorus from Ayak.

about — producing conscious hip-hop albums with messages and allegories — and the MTV form of rap that is more about making money and getting radio play than saying something of social significance.

Another song, "Josephine," tells the story of a prostitute who eventually rights her life and rises above prior hardships, but only after she has acquired AIDS. Ghostface Killah leads off the vocals with a verse about how he grew up in the same neighborhood as the woman before Pretty Ugly speaks of how — after also growing up with her — he sees her many years later only to learn her years are numbered. A sorrowful chorus from the Willie Cottrell Band separates the verses: "The rain won't wash away your sins, you'll be here to do them all over again... Up all night under the party lights, same old popping and party hopping, all of your so-called friends are leading you down the wrong road."

The second-to-last song, "So Tired," features Bun B, Devin the Dude and Dion discussing how they want to lead more responsible lives, but the difficulties in doing so because



COURTESY PHOTO

Veteran hip-hop artist Hi-Tek features hot beats and cool guest performers, including Common and Nas, in his latest CD "Hi-Teknology 2."

of the alcohol/drug culture surrounding touring with a band.

No single track on the CD feels more like a Hi-Tek song than "Can We Go Back," which features verses from Kweli and a mesmerizing chorus from Ayak.

The song likely to get the most radio play, "Where it Started At," is a masterpiece in its own right, featuring Kweli, Jadakiss, Raekwon the Chef, Papoose and Dion dropping spirited lyrics paying tribute to their New York roots.

Immediately after that track, however, is a song — "1-800-Homicide" featuring The Game — that leaves the listener wishing for more. The Game's rhymes always pack a punch,

and this song is no exception: "Every city's got Crips and Bloods, but since 'Pac died there ain't been no California love." It is a catchy and provocative West Coast response of sorts to the New York version, but lasts less than two minutes.

One track is just plain fun. In "Think I Got a Beat," Hi-Tek's toddler son, given the recording name of Lil' Tone, makes a short, solid instrumental by using a toy keyboard.

In the end, "Hi-Teknology 2" has something for everyone. It features an all-star cast of vocalists, 15 tracks with diverse themes and is a prime example of why DJs are so important in the hip-hop universe.

Even without radio waves, blues/rock band Sister Hazel still stays afloat

Amanda Sebba
COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR

If you listened to the radio in middle school, you probably listened to Sister Hazel. In 1997, Sister Hazel's single "All for You" became a pop-radio staple and propelled the band's second album to platinum status. These days though, it's difficult to find Sister Hazel songs on the radio, despite the fact that they've had five top-30 singles and four albums' worth of new material since "All For You."

What has changed since then isn't Sister Hazel — it's the radio. Many of the stations that used to play music like Sister Hazel's — whose style is often described as jangle-pop, Southern rock, or roots rock — have changed formats since the late '90s, leaving Sister Hazel with plenty of new music and few radio stations to play it.

"A lot of bands try to change the music to fit the format, but that's not what we're all about," said Sister Hazel's guitarist Ryan Newell in a recent phone interview. "We, fortunately, have built up a career for our-

selves that we don't have to be a slave to radio anymore."

The career that Sister Hazel has built up rests on the support of its devoted fan base — self-proclaimed "Hazelnuts" — who follow the band's activities with or without radio play. Sister Hazel uses the Internet to reach out to those fans and, according to Newell, to create "a community of like-minded people."

"We have a voracious group of fans that are constantly keeping in touch," Newell said. "They have show reviews, they have all kinds of discussions about the band's music and lyrics ... I think that's the beauty of the site."

Newell isn't exaggerating when he calls Hazelnuts "voracious." For example, it took Hazelnuts just one day to buy up all the cabins on the Carnival cruise ship that hosted the seventh annual Rock Boat — a five-day floating music festival founded by Sister Hazel. And the band is always looking for more ways to engage with its fans outside the bounds of radio.

"Along with the Rock Boat, we also do an event called the Rock

Slope, which is a ski trip for everybody. We have a charity, called Lyrics for Life. We just create a bunch of events for people to feel the vibe of what it's like to be in this community," Newell said. "We're creating a lifestyle, and hopefully we'll be the soundtrack for that lifestyle." For fans, a key part of that lifestyle is attending Sister Hazel concerts, and since the band plays about 150 shows per year, they have plenty of opportunities to do so. Without widespread radio play, touring is also the way the Sister Hazel expands its fan base.

"We pride ourselves on our live show," Newell said. "If someone gets dragged to our live show, we have a feeling that they're going to come back."

The next generation of Hazelnuts has also started showing up at Sister Hazel shows, boding well for the band's long-term popularity. "Parents are playing this stuff for the kids, and the kids are being raised on Sister Hazel, and they become fans. And we look out in the audience, and there's kids — it's great."

Sister Hazel's busy tour schedule



COURTESY PHOTO

They may not get played on the radio very often, but '90s blues/rock band Sister Hazel generates its popularity by touring and CD sales.

continues with a stop here in New York Tuesday night. "We love playing New York," Newell said. "There's not too many places you can go on a Tuesday night and expect everyone to be there. ... But you can go to New York, and everyone will be there."

Until radio trends change, Sister

Hazel will have to continue relying on the Internet and on Hazelnuts to promote their new music (an acoustic album is in the works) and concerts. In the meantime, Newell said, "We just stick to our guns and, you know, hope that the wheels spin back around — when it does, we'll still be here."



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HUMOR COLUMN

Is your facebook addiction properly fed? Part II

There are only a few things that college students really spend a lot of time doing. One is procrastinating from doing anything productive like studying and the other is spending all day on facebook. Because of this, I feel that it is necessary to give you the Part 2 to your facebook addiction, to make sure that you are managing your time on facebook wisely. If you missed Part 1, hurry over to www.mustangdaily.com¹. While the tips in here are important, everything in Part 1 should still be followed as well.

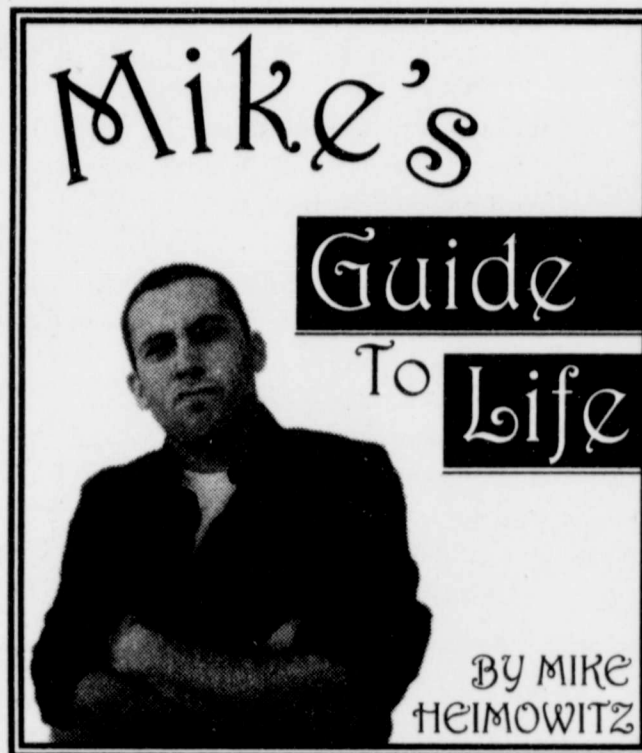
First thing to look at are profile interests. Now this one will be directed mostly at you guys, but ladies can go ahead and help out your guy friends if you see this happen. **Basically, if your profile interests list stuff like "workin' out," "drinkin," and "ladies," go ahead and take all that crap out.** Nobody needs to know how much of a college boy you really are, so having that stuff in there is just unnecessary and makes you look more like a total douche.

In reality, if that is in your profile you are likely trying to cover up some of your insecurities. If you really must list things, more realistically it's probably stuff like, "workin' out (my right arm to Internet porn), drinkin' (well can't do that much anymore because of the TOTALLY LAME RAs), and ladies (cause dude I swear even though when I got drunk and ran

around naked when it was just a bunch of us dudes and totally humped the sofa, that DOESN'T MAKE ME GAY, SO SHUT THE HELL UP)."

Moving on to one of my favorite parts of any person's profile, which is the quote section. Ladies, this next tip is mostly for you. **Please, just take out the quote, "You're only as strong as the tables you dance on, the drinks you mix, and the friends you roll with."** First of all, being "strong as the friends you roll with" just doesn't quite make sense at all². Second, and most important, is that this quote isn't just overly used, overly clichéd, and just flat out lame, but also extremely insensitive.

Understand this: somewhere in the world, maybe even near you, there are huge girls who continuously try dancing on tables, to no avail. Table after table has broken from their attempts to dance to either "My Humps" or "SexyBack," and putting that quote in your profile will only encourage this to keep happening. While the table industry is now booming from the amount of tables being bought because of your facebook profile quote, in the end, the only thing that's happening is huge women falling to the floor, and huge tears falling down their faces. So seriously, if you insist on keeping the quote, at least



change it to say something like, "You're only as strong as your inner beauty, which is so so so strong but you probably should stop eating," and then continue on with the rest of the quote. You know me. I'm just trying to make the world a better place, this time by helping one huge girl at a time³.

Next comes facebook groups, and there really is one kind that has to go. Pretty much, **if you lost your cell phone, stop inviting the whole world to your stupid group because this is only going to hurt you.** Hurt you? Me? You?⁴ Well, while it is always entertaining to read the reason you lost your phone (i.e. "it fell in the toilet" or "I have no idea what happened BECAUSE I WAS,

LIKE, SO DRUNK"), this will usually share more information with the public than you would have thought could happen. So, you have this group with the wall that everyone can post on and everyone can read.

Some people will give you their numbers like you hoped for, but a good amount will then remind your drunk ass what really happened. Stuff like, "It fell in the toilet again? I hate how your upset stomach with your raging shit had to lead to this! Get better!" or "Oh my god, did you ask Tyler or Brett or

Chad or Brad if they have it? You totally were like hooking up with all of them at that Kappa Omicron Kappa⁵ frat party last night and it probably is in one of their rooms" will surely show up on the group's wall. The truth hurts, but that could have been avoided if you didn't create the group in the first place.

Well, that brings me to the end of another "Guide to Life." As always, I hope you learned something, will change your profile and maybe start studying for those midterms and finals that you've been putting off⁶.

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¹ As long as I keep pluggin', they'll keep publishin'.

² And as you can see by how strict my own writing rules are, I would be able to point something like that out.

³ Of course, remember, they do have GREAT personalities!

⁴ Sorry, I confused myself a bit there.

⁵ They prefer to be called by their full name, rather than KOK for short.

⁶ Or read more of my articles on, where else, but my favorite Web site that should be your favorite too, www.mustangdaily.com!

LETTERS
TO THE EDITORMoral arguments differ
from political ones

As an ardent advocate for civil liberties (and particularly of First Amendment rights which provided the basis for the Texas v. Johnson decision relating to flag burning), I agree with Eller's argument about the constitutionality of the SFSU flag burning by the College Republicans. However, Eller's column contained dual arguments: one defending the act on a constitutional basis, and the other justifying the act on a moral basis. To Eller, the act was not only legitimate but morally justified, as he argued from a politico-religious standpoint. There must be a distinction between these two arguments for, as I'm sure, there are people like me who agree with Eller on the first, and fervently disagree on the second. It is a testament to our First

Amendment rights that we should hear such dissident views; but those views should not be discriminated against on the basis of the majority views held by the SFSU administration.

I will refrain from attacking Eller's view relating to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, for that is not the real issue at hand (even if it is sensational).

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Smokers should keep their
cigarettes out of public

Somehow Hayley Bramble is convinced, in her March 2 commentary ("Gives smokers a break"), that we should be a little more tolerant of smokers. In the commentary, Bramble compared smoking to drinking coffee and to the more serious consequences of drinking and driving.

The difference between smoking and coffee is coffee doesn't caffeine the nearby tapwater.

The comparison to alcoholism is good, but far from supporting the argument of tolerance toward

smokers, it seems to justify shunning smokers. Drinking and driving does have serious health risks with traffic accidents but it is also illegal and socially anathema. In comparison, smoking gets off rather light merely being illegal to smoke within and around public buildings.

It may be enlightening to many smokers that there are many of us who treat our bodies with all the respect and care of a high performance machine. If you owned a high-speed jet-boat you certainly wouldn't like it if somebody filled it with an oil and gas mixture and told you, "I estimated the ratios instead of measuring, but it's close to what it should be." Most athletes certainly would not appreciate having to inhale a bunch of smoke and there are many people who think likewise, even among those of us not competing in the Olympics.

In the end, Bramble was accurate stating how smokers shouldn't "ask (us) to take a drag off (their) cigarettes." Thank you for not smoking in a public area and forcing drags of secondhand smoke.

Jay Hann

Mathematics senior

Nonsmokers die too

Bravo to the staff commentary Friday ("Give smokers a break"). I had no idea smoking was taboo here. I'm now inclined to pick it up again. In the indelible words of Bill Hicks, "Do you guys go up to crippled people dancing? You sick f--ks! I'd quit smoking if I wasn't afraid of becoming one of you ... noxious, self-righteous sadists."

Here's an update for anti-smokers: nonsmokers die every day. FWAHAAHAHAH. Sleep well.

Christopher Sahms

Philosophy freshman

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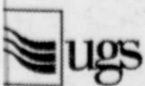
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Atlanta cuts LB Hartwell, possibly clearing way for Poly grad Beck

As of Monday, former Cal Poly star Jordan Beck was listed on the Atlanta Falcons' Web site as the starting middle linebacker on the team's depth chart.

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ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons opened free agency Friday by signing fullback Ovie Mughelli and releasing injury-plagued linebacker Ed Hartwell.

The Falcons also released veteran linebacker Ike Reese, who was used primarily on special teams.

The 6-foot-1, 255-pound Mughelli, who spent the last four seasons with Baltimore, agreed to a six-year, \$18 million contract that includes a \$5 million signing bonus.

Even though he has only 12 career carries for 50 yards, new Falcons coach Bobby Petrino was willing to pay top dollar for a bruising blocker who could clear holes for running backs Warrick Dunn and Jerious Norwood.

"Ovie is one of the top blocking fullbacks in the National Football League," Petrino said. "Adding a player of his caliber to our team immediately makes us better."

Last season's fullbacks, Justin Griffith and Fred McCary, are both unrestricted free agents.

Hartwell played only 13 games in two seasons after signing a \$26.25 million contract. He received a four-year contract and \$8.5 million signing bonus when he left Baltimore two years ago to bolster the Falcons' run

defense. But he tore an Achilles' tendon in just the fifth game with his new team, knocking him out for the rest of the 2005 season.

Shortly before last season, Hartwell underwent arthroscopic surgery on both knees, delaying his return. He wound up starting only 11 games in two seasons with the Falcons.

Reese played in all 32 games for Atlanta after being signed as an unrestricted free agent from the Philadelphia Eagles in 2005. His release saves the team \$700,000 under the salary cap.

Hartwell's release clears the way for third-year player Jordan Beck to take over in the middle. Another option is outside linebacker Keith Brooking, who filled in during the frequent injuries.

Triathlon

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nationals last year, and is putting most of its effort into that race. Their training schedule is set up to peak in time for nationals in mid-

April.

"All of my energy and training is focused on that race," Rudd said.

Cal Poly should be a main competitor this year. Rudd and teammate Anthony Yount are expected to do well for the men's team; Melissa Barrett, Kerri Parker and

Tamera Presser are expected to do well for the women's team.

The March Triathlon Series is open to any person who would like to compete. Those interested can register for the race at Active.com or with registration forms available at the Rec Center.

Modglin

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Modglin opened Cal Poly's first game at the Worth Invitational in Fullerton by swatting a leadoff homer against Oklahoma State in a 2-1 victory March 2. She equaled that feat in the nightcap against No. 9 Stanford as Cal Poly posted a 6-2 victory to earn its third win against a ranked team this season. Modglin

finished 3 for 4 against Stanford and missed hitting for the cycle by a triple.

Cal Poly (13-6) dropped a pair of games March 3 to San Diego State (8-3) and Nevada (5-3), but Modglin tripled against the Aztecs and doubled versus the Wolf Pack. Another hit March 4 in the Mustangs' 4-2 tournament-finale win against San Diego State extended her hitting streak to 12 games.

Modglin has now hit for the cycle at a tournament in back-to-back weeks. Her award was fourth of the season for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs return to action Friday through Sunday at the National Invitational Tournament hosted by San Jose State in Sunnyvale. Cal Poly opens tournament play Friday against Eastern Illinois (12:30 p.m.) and Iowa State (3 p.m.).

Artest

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said during a news conference.

"It resulted in some pushing," Scott said of the argument. "Mr. Artest had shoved the victim to the floor several times, then he attempted to leave."

The woman threw a pot at the Hummer, shattering its windshield, Scott said. He would not disclose the woman's relationship with Artest but said a 3-year-old girl was inside the house during the incident.

Deputies arrived around 9:30 a.m. at Artest's five-acre estate in the Sacramento suburb of Loomis and arrested him on suspicion of domestic violence, sheriff's spokeswoman Dena Erwin said. He also was arrested on suspicion of using force or violence to prevent the woman from reporting a crime.

"He was very cooperative," Scott said of Artest, found sitting calmly outside the home. "He gave no problems to any of the officers on scene."

Artest, the central figure of the infamous 2004 brawl between

Indiana Pacers players and Detroit Pistons fans, was booked into the Placer County Jail and released later on \$50,000 bail. His arraignment is scheduled for March 22.

Sheriff's deputies have been called to Artest's home at least once before, but there were no arrests, Erwin said.

Geoff Petrie, the Kings' president of basketball operations, said the team was removing Artest from the team, pending a full investigation.

"The Kings have excused Ron Artest indefinitely from any further participation with the team due to his arrest today for domestic violence," Petrie said in a statement.

Team spokesman Troy Hanson told The Associated Press that Artest had not been suspended and still was being paid.

An emergency protective order obtained by sheriff's officials prevents Artest from returning to his home or contacting the woman until she can obtain a restraining order. Scott said this was normal procedure.

Sheriff's officials said the woman had injuries but would not describe them. She declined medical treatment.

Artest, who joined the Kings from the Indiana Pacers in January 2006, has had previous run-ins with police.

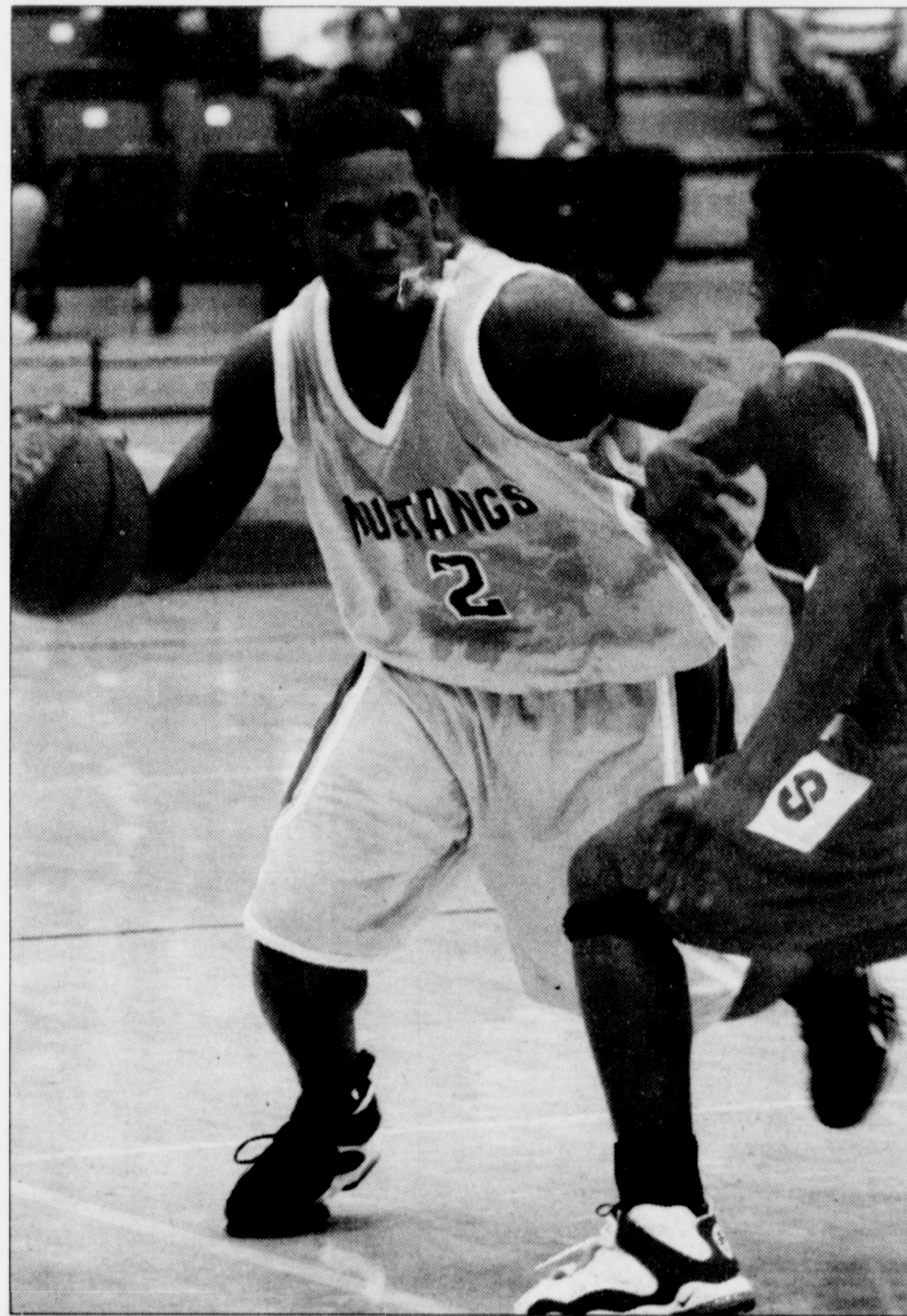
He was at the center of the Nov. 19, 2004 brawl between Pacers play-

ers and Pistons fans at The Palace in Detroit. Just when a confrontation between players seemed to be over, Artest, lying on the scorer's table, was hit with a cup filled with an icy beverage. He bolted into the stands in a rage, followed by fist-swinging teammate Stephen Jackson. Artest and teammate Jermaine O'Neal later slugged fans on the court.

Two days later, Artest was suspended for the rest of the season — 73 games, plus the playoffs — in a move that cost him almost \$5 million.

Artest and Jackson were sentenced to one year of probation and 60 hours of community service after pleading no contest to misdemeanor assault charges. In January, Artest was released from that probation.

Artest has spent nearly 14 months with Sacramento since the Kings acquired him in a blockbuster trade for fan favorite Peja Stojakovic. His short tenure is following a familiar script for the volatile former St. John's star: Initial excitement and outstanding play, followed by disinterest, distractions — and now, more legal trouble. Last month, county animal control officers seized Artest's Great Dane, Socks, from his home in a gated community about 25 miles northeast of Sacramento. They said the animal wasn't being fed.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly junior shooting guard Dawin Whiten (left) was named Monday to the All-Big West Conference Second Team.

Basketball

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received stitches for — in the same game to throw down a clinching slam dunk on a fast break.

"(Stockalper) said, 'coach, I need to be back in the game,'" Bromley said. "No hesitation. Leadership is made, not born. He inspired his teammates. There's not a selfish bone in his body."

Stockalper said his lip — noticeably less inflamed Monday than Saturday — is "all right. It's healing."

Bromley said he voted for Nixon instead of Brown for Player of the Year not only because the 49ers finished the regular season in first place, but largely because of one play in Long Beach State's No. 1 seed-clinching 82-76 win at Pacific on ESPN Big Monday on Feb. 26.

That play was a buzzer-beating 3-pointer banked in from NBA range on an inbound play as the first half expired. After the shot — which put the 49ers up by seven — Nixon didn't pop his jersey, do a dance or strut his way to the locker room. He simply high-fived teammates before walking off the floor, something that caught Bromley's eye.

"The thing that swayed me is the ESPN game," Bromley said.

As a whole, the men's first team is comprised of Brown, Nixon, Stockalper, Cal State Fullerton junior forward Scott Cutley, UC Santa Barbara junior swingman Alex Harris and Long Beach State senior guard Kejuan Johnson. Long Beach State's Larry Reynolds was named Coach of the Year and UC Riverside swingman Henrik Thomsen Freshman of the Year.

The women's first team includes Eggleston, Nkele, UC Santa Barbara junior post player Jenna Green, Cal State Northridge senior wings LaJoyce King and Ofa

Tulikihifo and Cal State Fullerton sophomore post player Toni Thomas. UC Riverside's John Margaritus was named Coach of the Year and UC Santa Barbara forward Jordan Franey Freshman of the Year.

Of being named to the All-Freshmen Team, Wells said: "I really wasn't expecting to get All-Freshmen Team. I was just trying to do what I could to help the team win. ... Now that I've got it, I'm in awe. I don't know how to explain it."

Wells averaged 3.3 points, 1.1 assists and one steal per game in only 12.6 minutes an outing. As one of only six players on the team to play in all 27 games, she was key in stepping up to help fill the void left by a myriad of players who suffered injuries during the season.

Harrison averaged 11.9 points and 4.9 rebounds, Newman 8.9 points, 6.5 rebounds and three steals and Stewart 3.2 points and 2.4 assists.

Eggleston said having five players awarded various honors is a sign of the program's growth.

"It just shows how this program is getting better," she said. "Kudos to our coaches. They're obviously making us better players. I think everyone's put in the work this year and gotten themselves better."

Whiten averaged 11.7 points and 3.2 assists, McGinn 11 points and Clark 8.9 points, 3.6 assists and 1.4 steals.

Both Cal Poly teams begin the Big West Tournament this week.

The third-seeded women will play in the quarterfinals at noon Thursday against one of the teams seeded Nos. 5-8. They depart for the Anaheim Convention Center today.

The second-seeded men play in the semifinals at 9 p.m. Friday on ESPN against one of the teams seeded Nos. 3-7. They depart Thursday.

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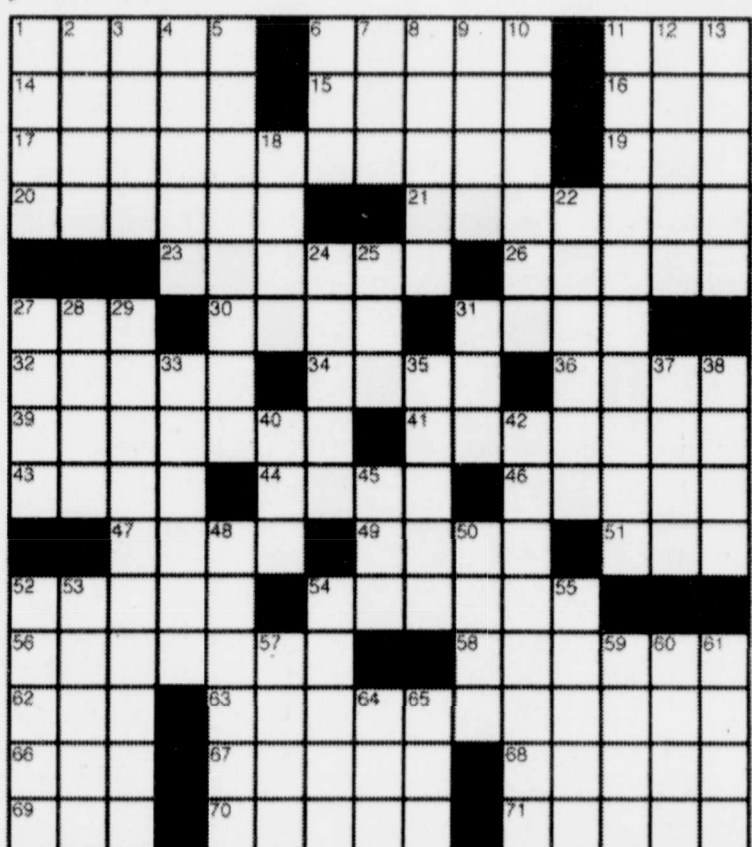
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Santa Clara's upset bid falls short, 77-68 to Gonzaga in WCC championship game

The Bulldogs clinched a ninth straight trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Anne M. Peterson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Derek Raivio scored 28 points and Gonzaga earned a spot in the NCAA tournament with a 77-68 victory over Santa Clara in the West Coast Conference championship game Monday night.

Top-seeded Gonzaga (23-10) has been to the NCAA Tournament the past eight years, but a turbulent season had thrown a ninth trip into some doubt.

The Bulldogs, who finished the regular season one game ahead of Santa Clara in the WCC, have won eight of the last nine WCC tourna-

ments, with the streak interrupted only by San Diego in 2003.

The Zags led by as many as 10 points in the second half, but it was David Pendergraft's 3-pointer with 4:36 left that made it 61-52 and all but put the game in hand.

The Broncos threatened with a minute left in the game when Joey Kaempf's 3-pointer narrowed it to 73-68. Gonzaga answered with Micah Downs' dunk and a pair of free throws made by Raivio for the final margin.

Gonzaga had a bye until the semifinals at the University of Portland's Chiles Center. The Bulldogs advanced with an 88-70 victory over fifth-seeded San Diego.

Second-seeded Santa Clara (21-10) beat St. Mary's 63-47 to advance to the final. The Broncos have not been to the NCAA tournament since 1996, Steve Nash's senior year.

Matt Bouldin added 14 points for the Zags and Downs had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

But after the game, the fans chanted "Raivio! Raivio! Raivio!"

Raivio's father, Rick, was a standout at host Portland and his name hangs from a banner in the rafters of the university's Chiles Center as part of the school's Hall of Fame.

Scott Dougherty led Santa Clara with 16 points.

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Poly triathlon team to host event this month

Samantha Freitas
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly Triathlon Club is preparing to host and compete in the March Triathlon Series at Lopez Lake in Arroyo Grande on March 31.

The series is comprised of the sixth annual March Warm-Up Spring Triathlon and the second annual March in Motion Olympic Distance Triathlon. March in Motion is also the championship race for the West Coast Collegiate Triathlon Conference.

"There will be between 300 and 400 college students competing in the race," race director and mechanical engineering senior Ryan Weeks said. "There will probably be more college students racing this race than there will be at Wildflower."

The West Coast Collegiate Triathlon Conference is a collective group of West Coast schools, most of whom host their own student-run triathlons.

"The conference provides competition between West Coast schools that is individual of nationals," Weeks said. "The championships can be seen as a mini-nationals for the West Coast schools."

Cal Poly is expected to do well in the race. Weeks said the team's biggest competitor will likely Cal.

Last year, the March Triathlon Series fell on the same weekend as an unusual storm that brought snow to San Luis Obispo. The freezing temperatures made the race exceptionally difficult.

"We didn't have many finishers last year," team member and journalism senior Evan Rudd said. "I would be surprised if half of the people that started that race finished."

The event is put on entirely by students, so the Triathlon Club is looking for student volunteers, typically to help on the course at the finish line or by directing traffic.

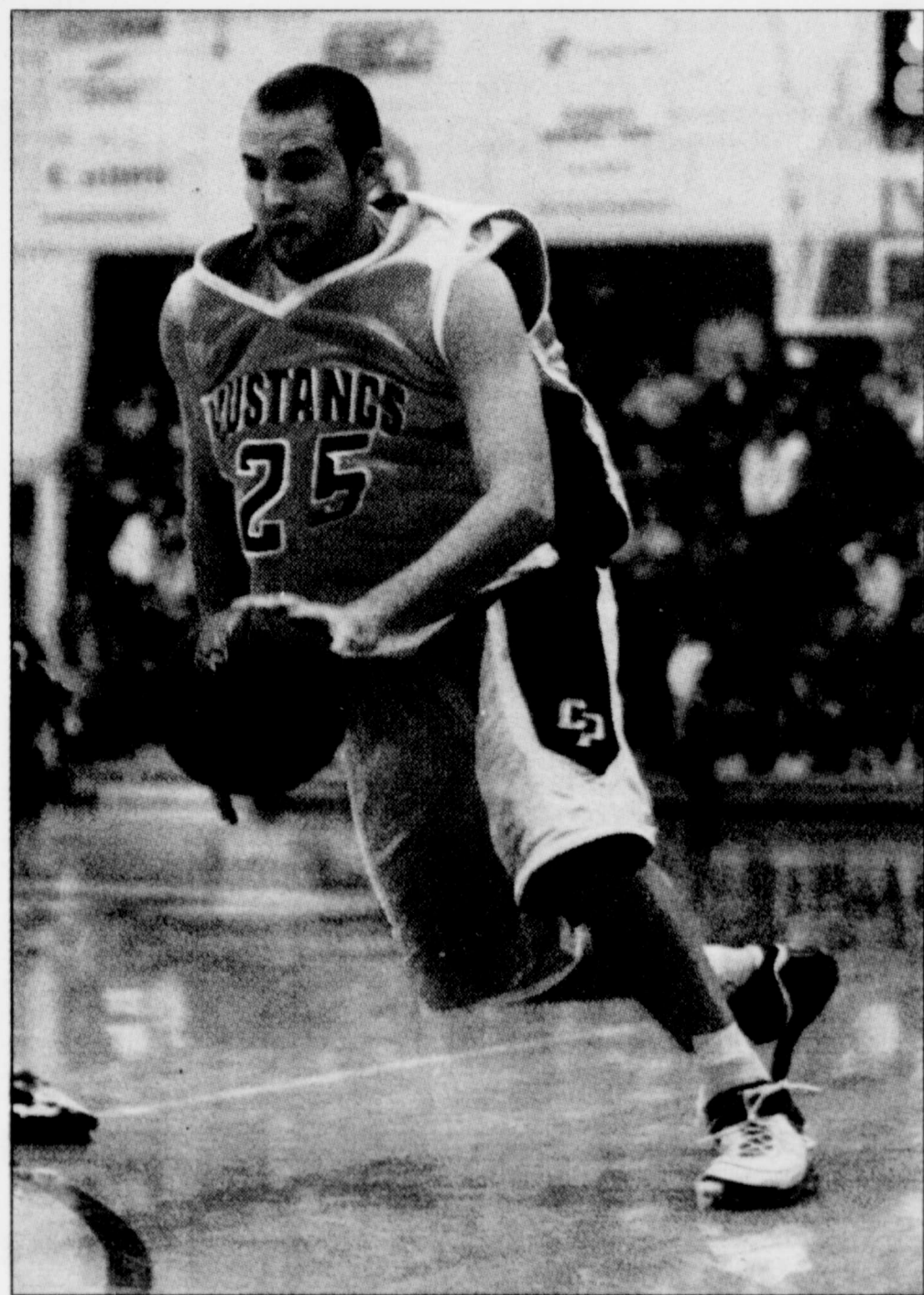
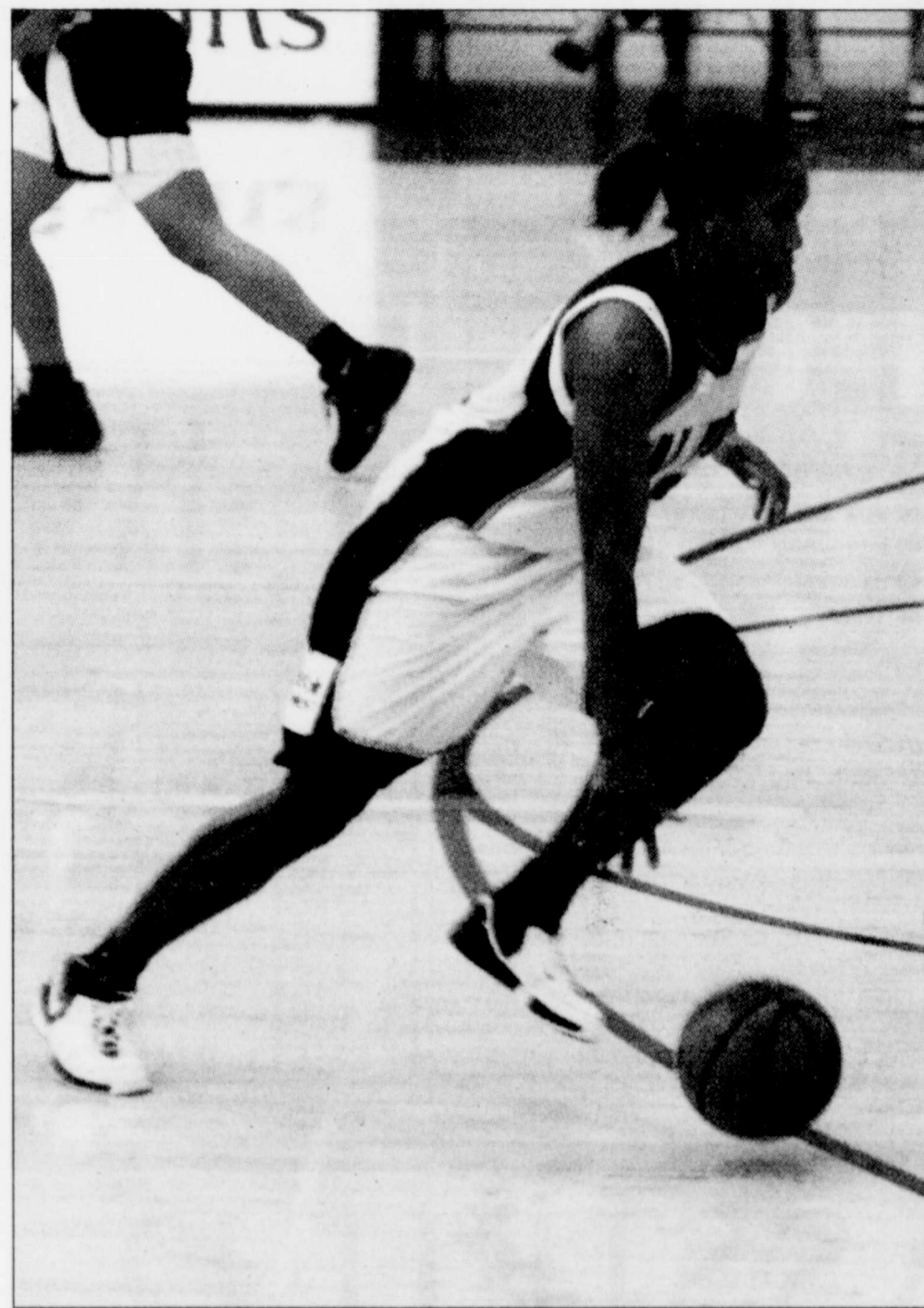
"We would love to have any volunteers who are willing to come out," Weeks said. "We're offering free camping, prizes, food and entertainment. It should be similar to Wildflower, just a little more low-key."

The March Triathlon Series is one of two races the Cal Poly Triathlon club hosts each year, the other being the Chains of Love run that was held in February, and is its main fundraiser.

"We're not getting paid anything, but we do these races so we can subsidize and make racing triathlons less expensive for our team," Weeks said. "Fundraising that we do for this race will help decrease costs for racing nationals in Alabama and Wildflower."

Cal Poly placed fifth overall at
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Eggleston, Stockalper take first-team All-Big West honors



BRENNAN ANGEL FILE PHOTOS

Cal Poly senior forwards Jessica Eggleston (left) and Derek Stockalper (right) have led historic seasons for both Mustang basketball teams. The women had an eight-game winning streak this season — their longest since 1981-82 — and the men have won 18 games, a school record since moving to the Division I level in 1994-95. Both play in the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center this week.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly basketball players Jessica Eggleston and Derek Stockalper were named Monday to respective All-Big West Conference First Teams for the second consecutive year.

The pair of senior forwards were only two of nine Mustang basketball players honored in some respect Monday. For the women, sophomore forward Megan Harrison earned second-team honors, junior guard Toni Newman earned Honorable Mention recognition and guards Ashlee Stewart and Tamara Wells were named to the All-Freshmen Team. For the men, junior guard Dawin Whiten

was named to the second team and sophomore guard Trae Clark and senior forward Tyler McGinn received Honorable Mention status.

"It was a goal of mine this season to make first team," Eggleston said. "I was really shooting to become Player of the Year, but didn't get that honor, which is fine. It's a great honor to be nominated by the coaches in the league and seen as an important player."

Cal Poly women's head coach Faith Mimnaugh said she would have liked to see Eggleston be named Big West Player of the Year, but was appreciative of all the honors the Mustangs did rake in.

Eggleston leads Cal Poly (14-13, 9-5 Big West) in points (14) and

rebounds (8.2) per game, assists (75) and is second in both steals (54) and blocks (11). UC Riverside junior post player Kemie Nkele, who led the Highlanders to the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Big West Tournament with averages of 16 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.4 blocks, took Player of the Year honors.

"I'm so excited to see Cal Poly clean up," Mimnaugh said of the awards. "It speaks to the depth of the program. I'm so grateful of the coaches. I do feel like (Eggleston) was deserving of Player of the Year, but Kemie Nkele is deserving."

Stockalper led the Big West in field-goal percentage this season with a clip of .554. He spearheaded a balanced attack for Cal Poly (18-

10, 9-5) with 14.5 points per game and also averaged 6.7 boards and 2.1 assists.

For leading Long Beach State to the No. 1 seed in the Big West tourney, senior guard Aaron Nixon (18.4 ppg) edged Cal State Fullerton senior guard and NBA prospect Bobby Brown (20.2 ppg) for Player of the Year honors.

"I talked to a couple other (conference) coaches and they said (Stockalper) would have been Player of the Year if we were in first place," Cal Poly men's head coach Kevin Bromley said.

A defining play in Stockalper's collegiate career came Saturday when he bounced back from a split lower lip — which he later

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Mustang softball star CF Modglin named Big West Player of Week

Cal Poly senior Lisa Modglin leads the Big West in average, slugging percentage, OBP, runs, hits, homers and total bases.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

After batting a team-leading

.421 (8 for 19), slugging .947 and hitting a pair of leadoff home runs in the same day, Cal Poly senior center fielder Lisa Modglin captured her second straight Big West Conference Softball Player of the Week honor Monday.

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Kings' Artest arrested for alleged domestic violence

Sacramento has excused its perennial all-defense forward from the team indefinitely.

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SACRAMENTO — Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was arrested Monday and excused indefinitely from the team after a woman said he

shoved her to the floor inside his home and prevented her from calling 911.

Placer County sheriff's authorities said the woman reported she and Artest were arguing inside the home Monday morning when he pushed her. The argument moved outside when Artest tried to leave in his Hummer, sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Scott

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